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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



***DETAILED ACTION***

1. This is in response to the communication filed on December 13, 2001. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted on December 13, 2001 has been initialed and attached to this letter.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)** as being anticipated by Marvin Glass (US Patent No: 4,340,810) hereinafter referenced as Glass.

**As Per Claim 1:**

Glass discloses a list system intended as part of a computerized object follow-up for managing return information concerning the distribution of postal objects or objects sent by parcel post to their recipient in exchange for a proof of distribution, such as the signature, said system being characterized in that it includes:

distribution lists for agents ensuring distribution, said lists being documents formed of a single sheet (1) whose front side comprises, for allocation to an object, an area

(10) subdivided into compartments, including a counterfoil (11) intended to remain on said sheet and for receiving via printing the information concerning said object in a code form, and a compartment (12) able to be detached, either to remain on the document as proof of distribution or be detached so as to form a non-delivery notice label, [{figure 1, 22, 28, 30, 32, 36, 40}, purchased order, distribution sheet, distribution center, label and manifest] and withdrawal note cards (2) which are personalized by affixing to them, in a frame (20) reserved for this purpose, said non-delivery notice label (12), [{col.2, lines 34-36}, distribution labels are places on merchandise or on plastic labels].

**As Per Claim 2:**

Glass discloses a list system characterized in that each of said areas (10) comprises an additional compartment (13) for constituting a second detachable notice of receipt label, a notice of receipt card (3) also being provided and personalized by affixing said second label in a frame (30) reserved for this purpose, [{col.2, lines 42-45}, the address label has a manifest stub bearing the carton number and the store number] and [{col.5, lines 55-57}, fig 2, 90}, detachable label]

**As Per Claim 3:**

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said distribution list (1) comprises a plurality of areas (10) in the form of vertically juxtaposed rectangles, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

**As Per Claim 4:**

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said sheet (1) constituting the distribution list is an adhesive complex comprising a support back and a detachable self-adhesive film, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

**As Per Claim 5:**

Glass discloses a list system according to characterized in that said sheet (1) has a standard format so as to facilitate its filing, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, distribution sheet].

**As Per Claim 6:**

Glass discloses a List system according to one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that said sheet (1) comprises on one of its sides perforations (15) enabling it to be classified, [{col.5, lines 55-57}, fig 2, 90}, detachable label].

***Conclusion***

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner **Jon Bass** can be reached at (571) 272-6905 between the hours of 9-6pm **Monday through Friday**. The fax number for the establishment where the application is being process is (571) 273-8300.

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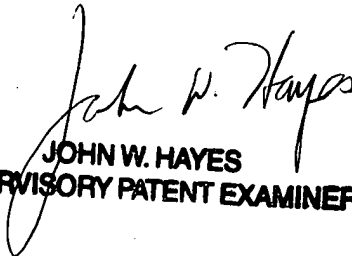
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